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SUBJ: NORTH KOREAN DEPUTY PRIMEMIN VISITS JAKARTA

REF: JAKARTA 9057

1. SEVEN MAN NORTH KOREAN DELEGATION LED BY DEPUTY PRIMEMIN AND FONMIN HO DAM VISITED JAKARTA AUG 7-11. IN ADDITION TO HO DAM, DELEGATION INCLUDED DEPUTY FONMIN GO SONG SUL AND DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF FONMIN ASIA PACIFIC AFFAIRS JO GYU IL. VISIT INCLUDED DISCUSSIONS WITH GOI FONMIN MALIK AND MEETING WITH PRESIDENT SUHARTO.

2. NORTH KOREANS' PRIMARY GOAL IN VISIT WAS TO SEEK GOI SUPPORT FOR NORTH KOREAN ADMISSION TO NON ALIGNED CONFERENCE. FOLLOWING MEETING WITH SUHARTO, HO DAM ANNOUNCED TO PRESS THAT SUHARTO AND MALIK HAD EXPRESSED WILLINGNESS TO SUPPORT NORTH KOREAN APPLICATION. MALIK TOLD PRESS THAT INDONESIA WOULD SUPPORT ANY COUNTRY FOR MEMBERSHIP IN NON ALIGNED MOVEMENT PROVIDED COUNTRY INVOLVED CONSIDERED ITSELF NON ALIGNED AND MET REQUIREMENTS OF
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NON ALIGNED CHARTER.

3. GOI FONOFF ASIA PACIFIC FIRECTOR ADENANA TOLD EMBOFF AUGUSUT 11 THAT HO DAM STATEMENT RE INDONESIAN SUPPORT FOR NORTH KOREAN NON ALIGNED MEMBERSHIP AT MINIMUM REPRESENTED MISINTERPRETATION OF SUHARTO REACTION TO NORTH KOREAN REQUEST. ADENAN SAID THAT SUHARTO HAD ONLY INDICATED UNDERSTANDING OF NORTH KOREAN POSITION BUT HAD NOT EXPRESSED GOI SUPPORT. ADENAN SAID GOI POSITION REMAINS THAT NORTH KOREA NOT ELGIBLE FOR NON ALIGNED MEMBERSHIP UNDER INDONESIAN DEFINITION DUE TO NORTH KOREA-SOVIET DEFENSE TREATY.

4. ADENAN ALSO NOTED THAT, IN DISCUSSIONS AT FONOFF, HO DAM HAD STATED HE DID NOT WISH TO DISCUSS QUESTION OF KOREAN UN MEMBERSHIP AT PRESENT TIME. ADENAN SAID MALIK RESPONDED THAT INDONESIA WOULD BE PLEASED TO SUPPORT NORTH KOREAN APPLICATION FOR UN MEMBERSHIP, BUT THAT HO DAM HAD NOT PICKED UP THE BAIT AND HAD LET SUBJECT DROP.

5. COMMENT: NORTH KOREAN VISIT REPRESENTS CONTINUATION OF RECENT EXCHANGE OF VISITS BETWEEN NORTH KOREA AND INDONESIA, BUT APPEARS TO HAVE HAD LITTLE EFFECT ON BASICALLY ARMS-LENGTH GOI NORTH KOREAN RELATIONSHIP. AS INDICATED REFTTEL, WE BELIEVE GOI WILL NOT SUPPORT NORTH KOREAN APPLICATION AT NON ALIGNED CONFERENCE ALTHOUGH UNCERTAIN WHETHER INDONESIA WILL BE WILLING PLAY CONSPICUOUS ROLE IN THWARTING ACCEPTANCE OF NORTH KOREAN APPLICATION BY OTHER MEMBERS. END COMMENT.

6. JAKARTA PRESS AUG 12 REPORTS THAT SOUTH KOREAN AMBASSADOR LEE MET SUHARTO AUG 11 AND PRESENTED LETTER FROM PRESIDENT PARK REQUESTING GOI SUPPORT FOR SOUTH KOREAN APPLICATION TO JOIN NON ALIGNED GROUP. LEE TOLD PRESS THAT HE NOT CERTAIN OF GOI ACTION IN RESPONSE TO REQUEST, BUT THAT INITIAL REACTION TO REQUEST HAD BEEN FAVORABLE. COMMENT: WE BELIEVE AT MINIMUM GOI WILL PUCH FOR EQUAL TREATMENT OF NORTH AND SOUTH KOREAN APPLICATIONS AT NAC. NEWSOM

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